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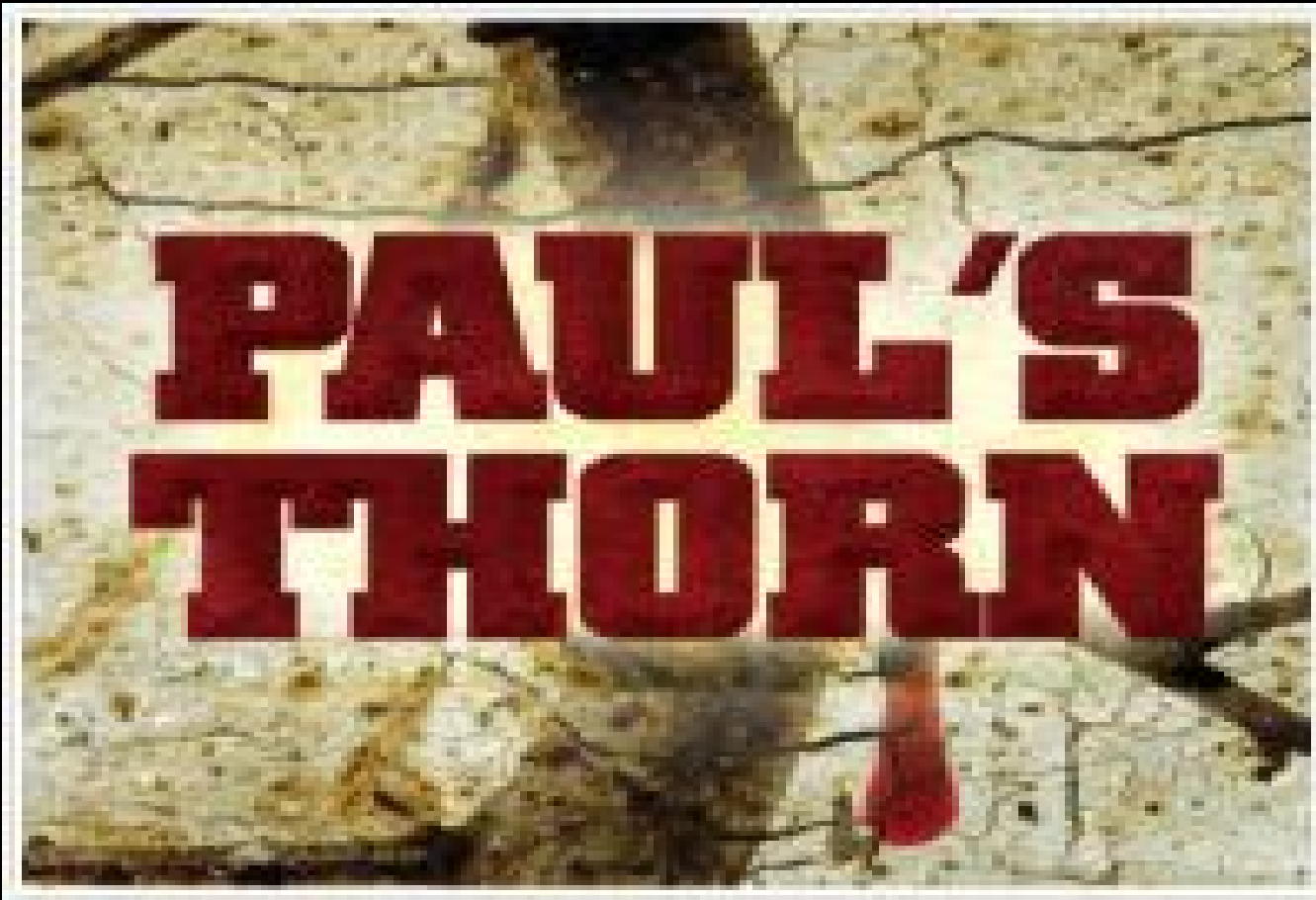
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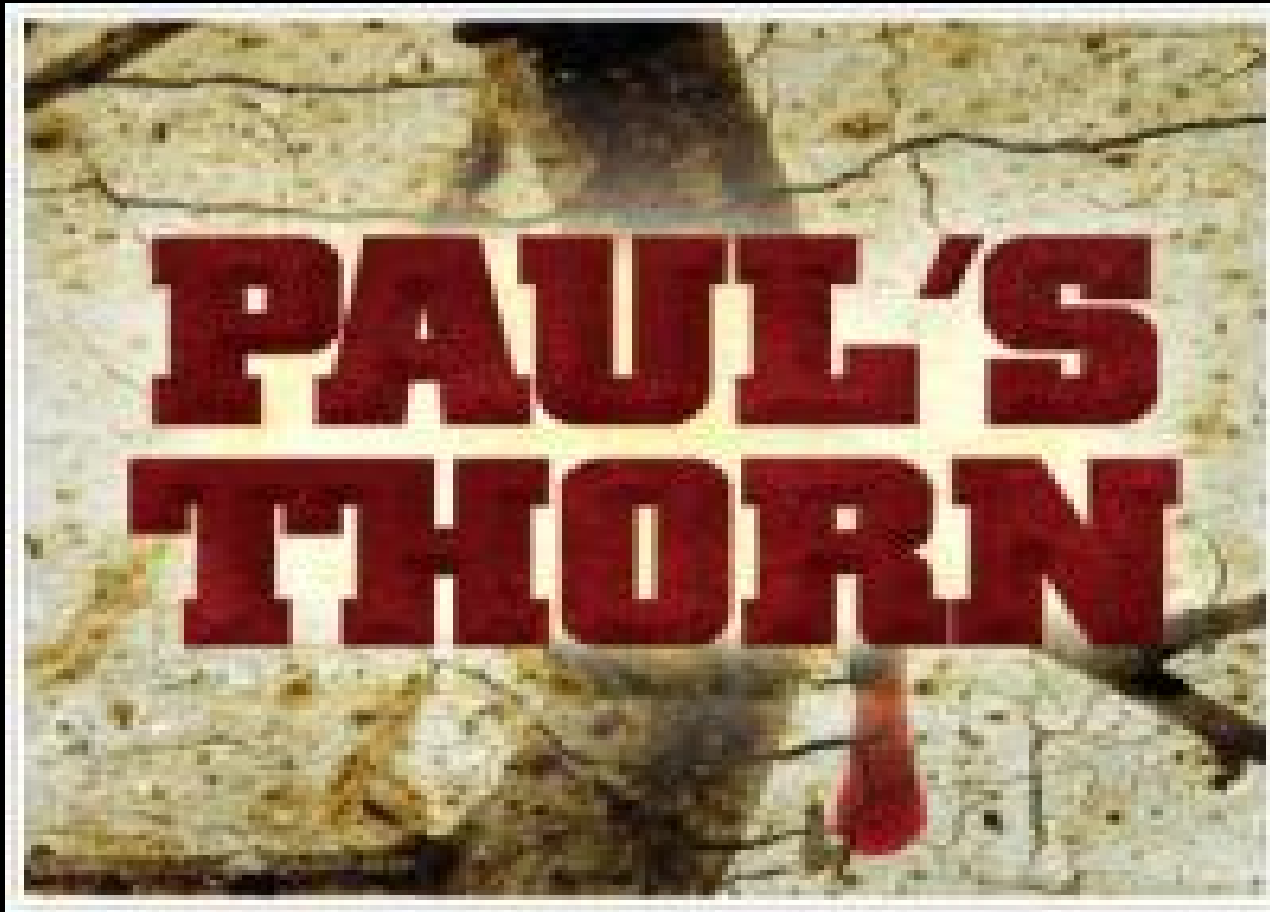
- Acts 14:19-20 And there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and, **having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead.** **Howbeit**, as the disciples stood round about him, **he rose up**, and came into the city: and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.

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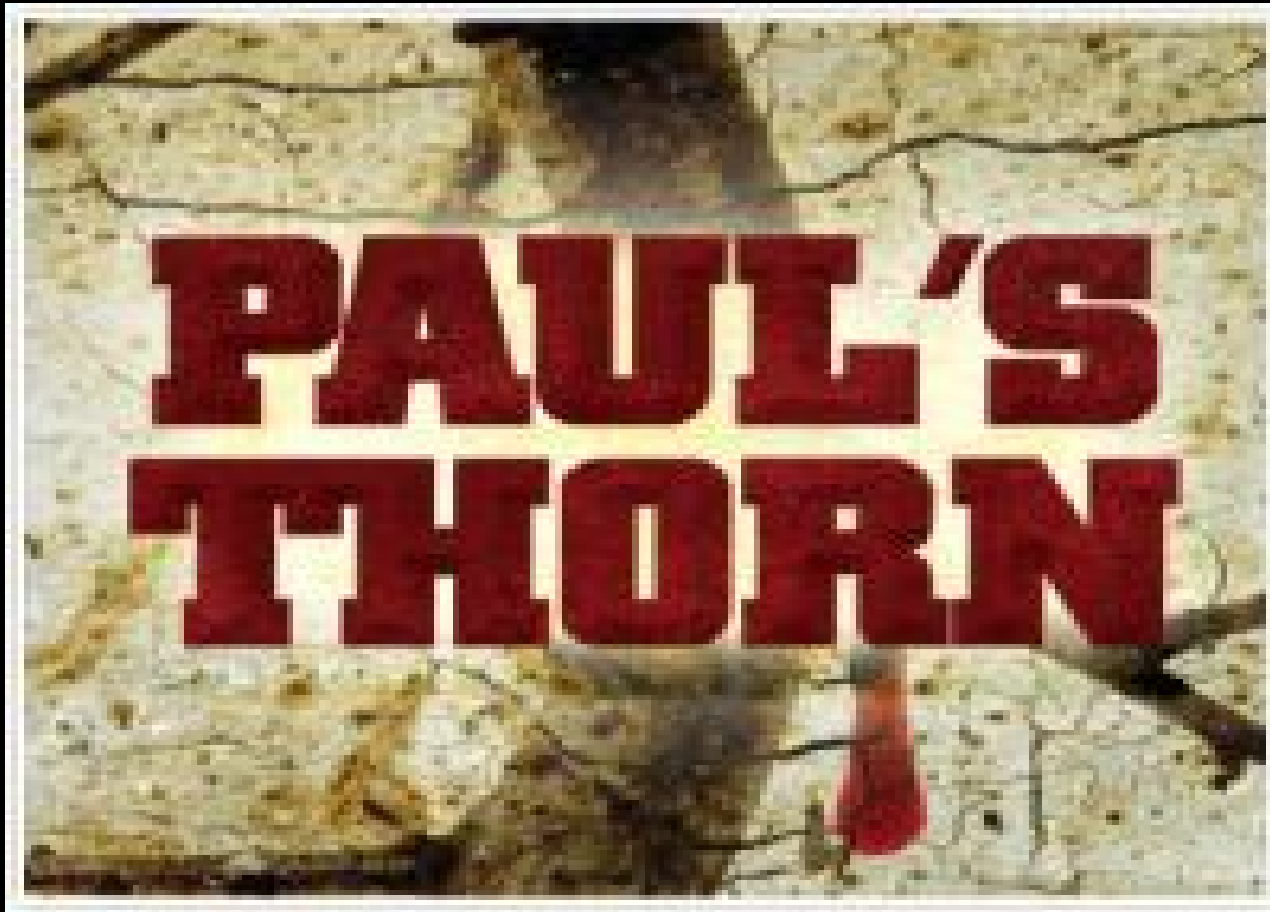
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- Acts 9:8-9 And Saul arose from the earth; and **when his eyes were opened, he saw no man**: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus. And **he was three days without sight**, and neither did eat nor drink.
  - Acts 9:17-18 And **Ananias** went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, **hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight**, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. **And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith**, and arose, and was baptized.

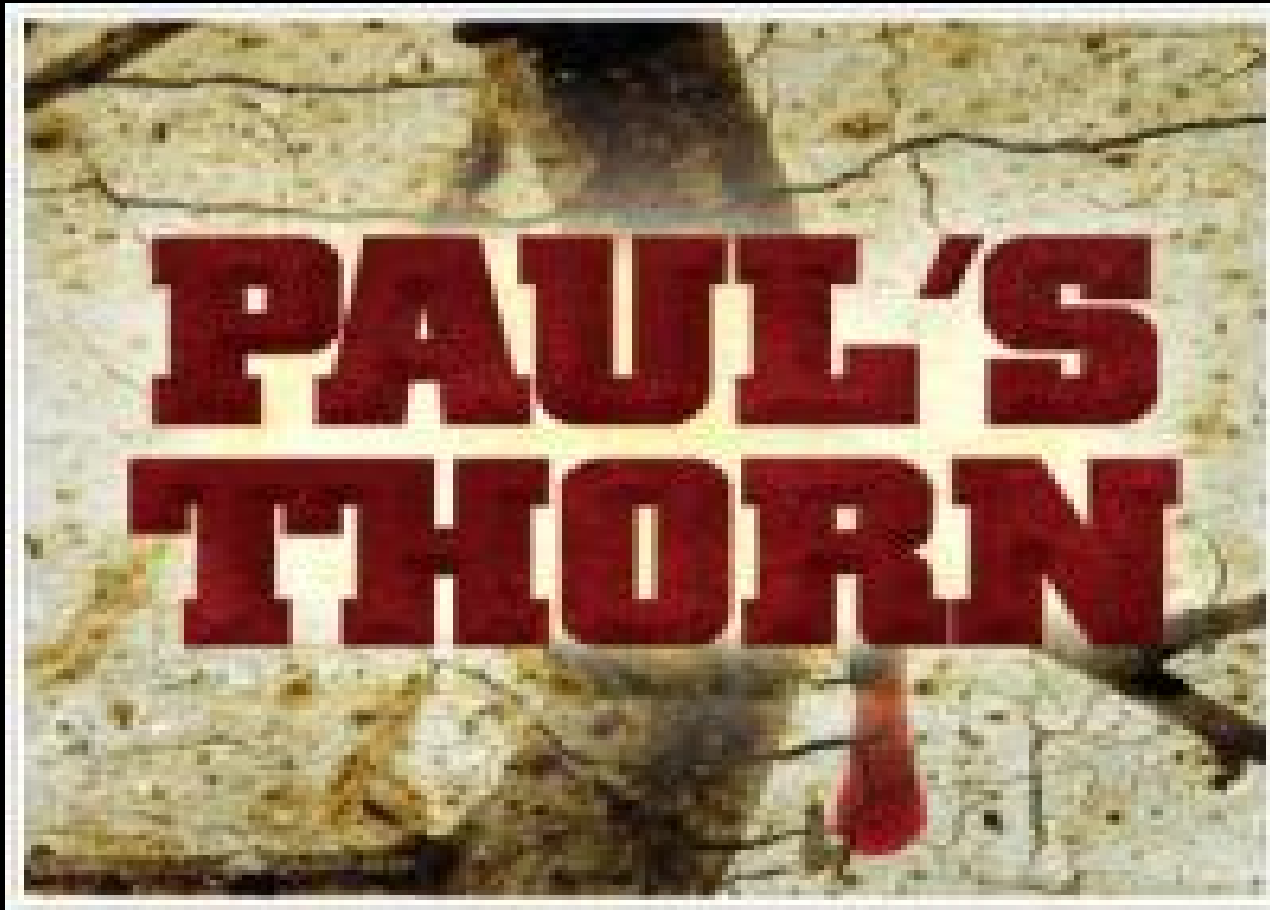
- Joshua 23:13 Know for a certainty that the LORD your God will no more drive out any of these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and **thorns in your eyes**, until ye perish from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you.
- Numbers 33:55 But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them shall be **pricks in your eyes, and thorns** in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell.

• *Galatians 6:11* Ye  
see **how large a**  
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**unto you** with mine  
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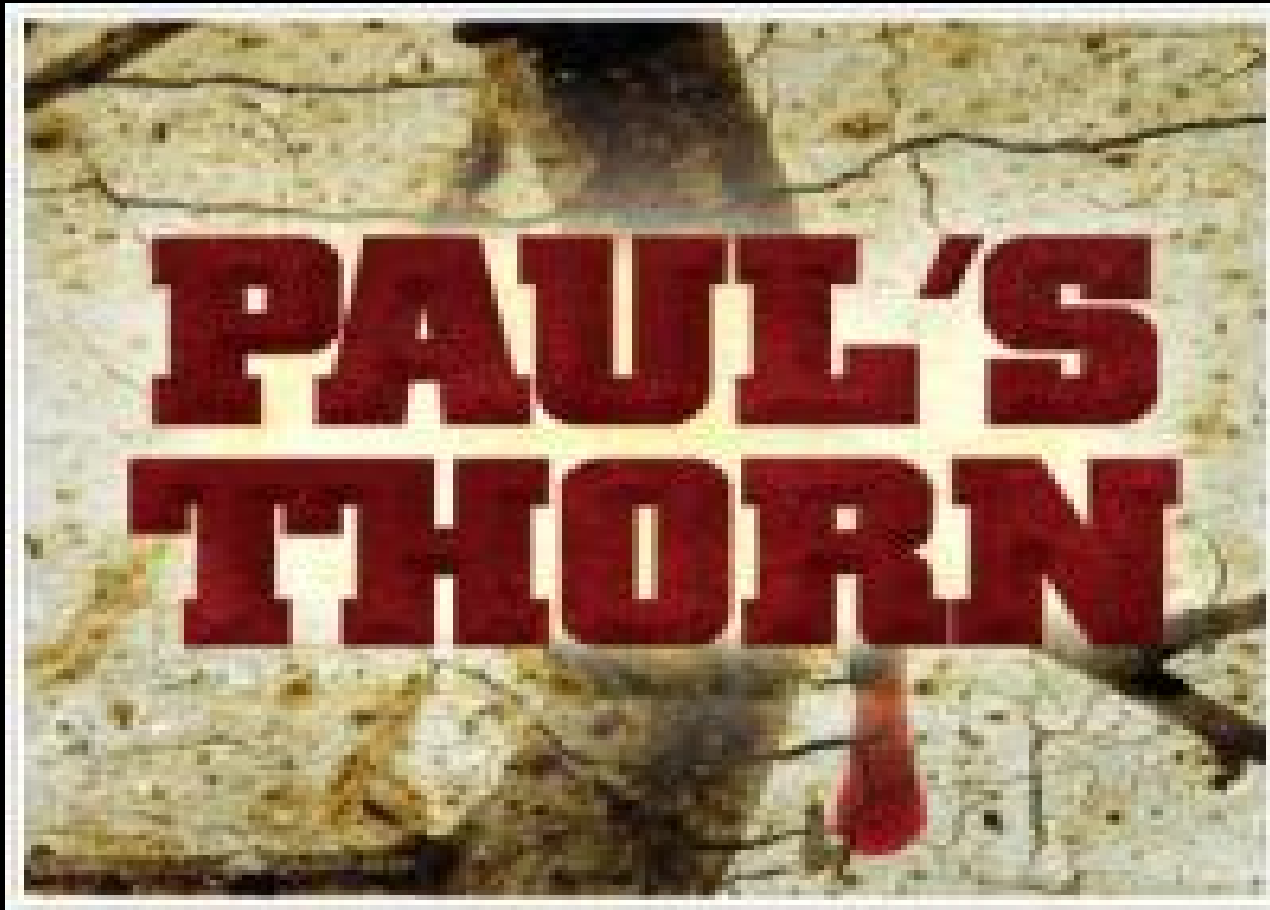
• Galatians 4:14-15 And my **temptation which was in my flesh** ye despised not, nor rejected; but received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus. Where is then the blessedness ye spake of? for I bear you record, that, if it had been possible, **ye would have plucked out your own eyes**, and have given them to me.



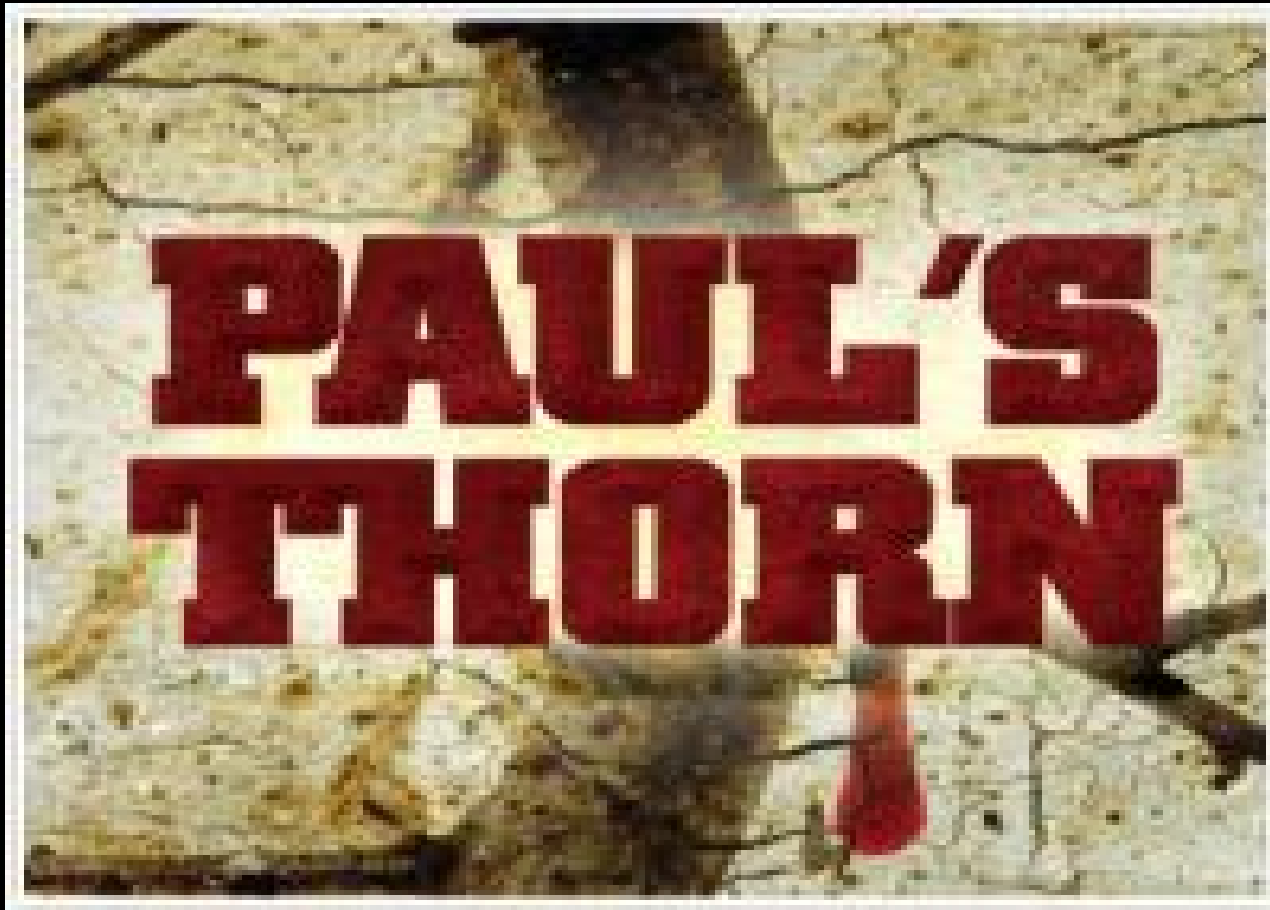
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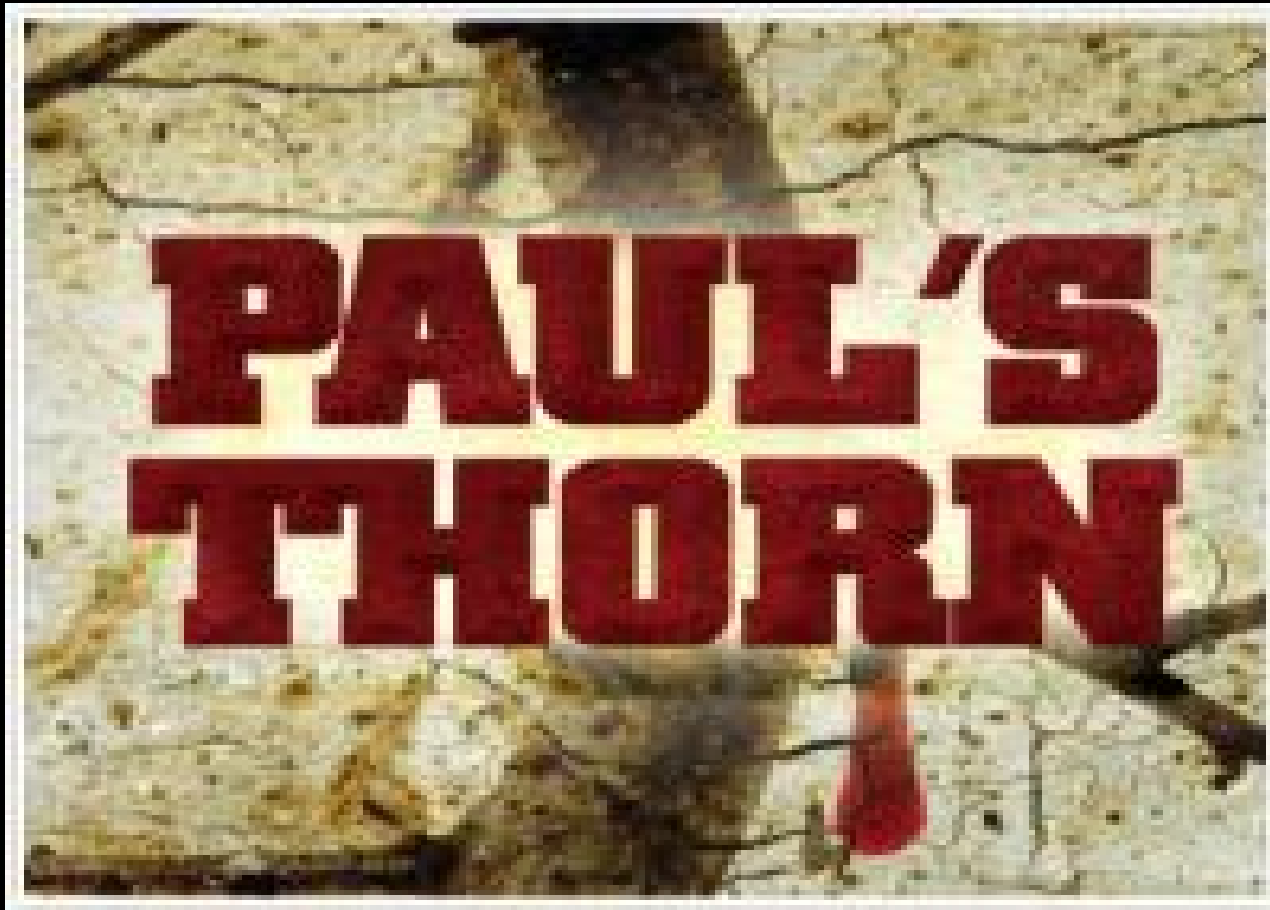
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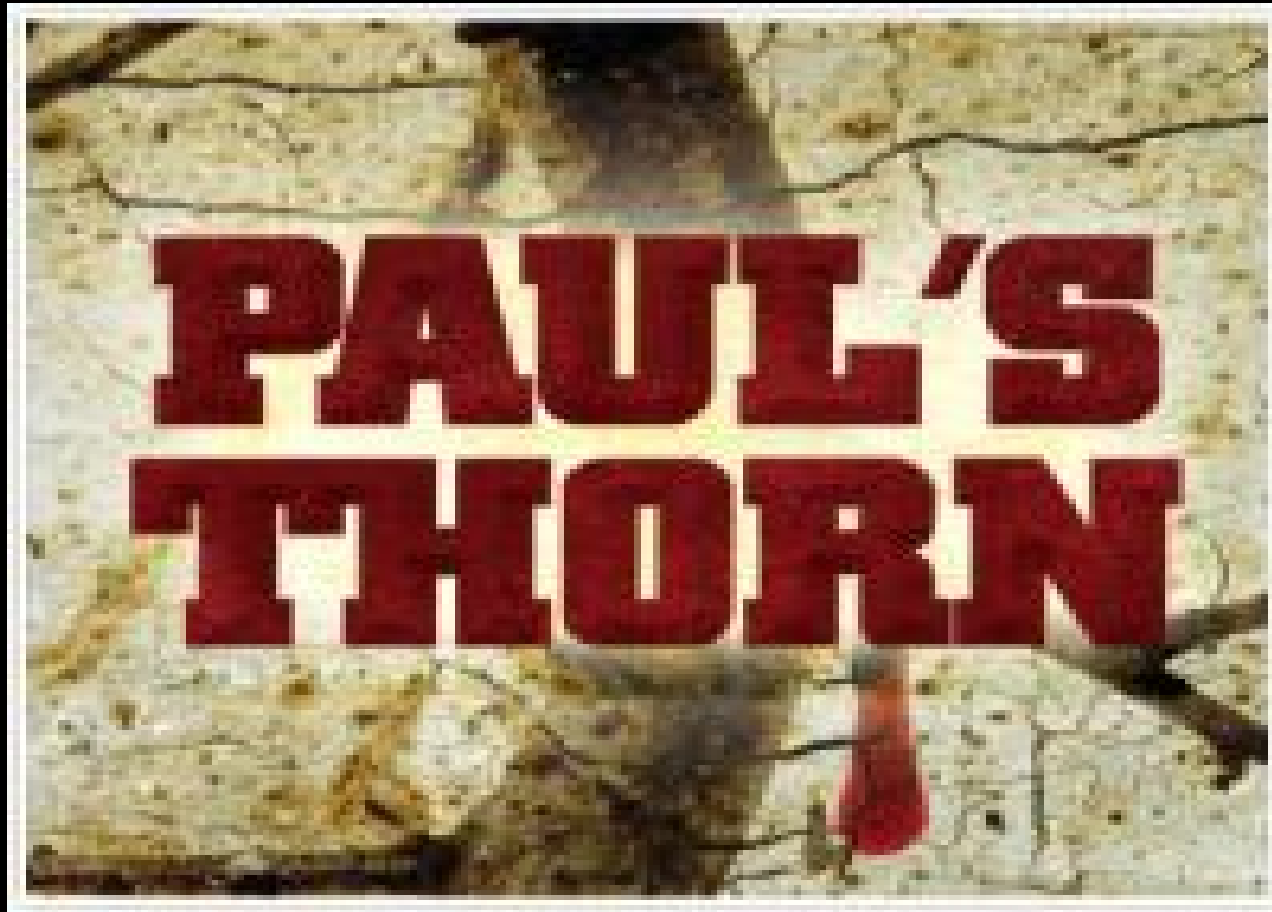
- *John 18:11* Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: **the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?**

- Hebrews 4:14-16 Seeing then that **we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God,** let us hold fast our profession. For **we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities;** but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us **therefore** come boldly unto the throne of grace, **that we may obtain mercy,** and find **grace to help** in time of need.



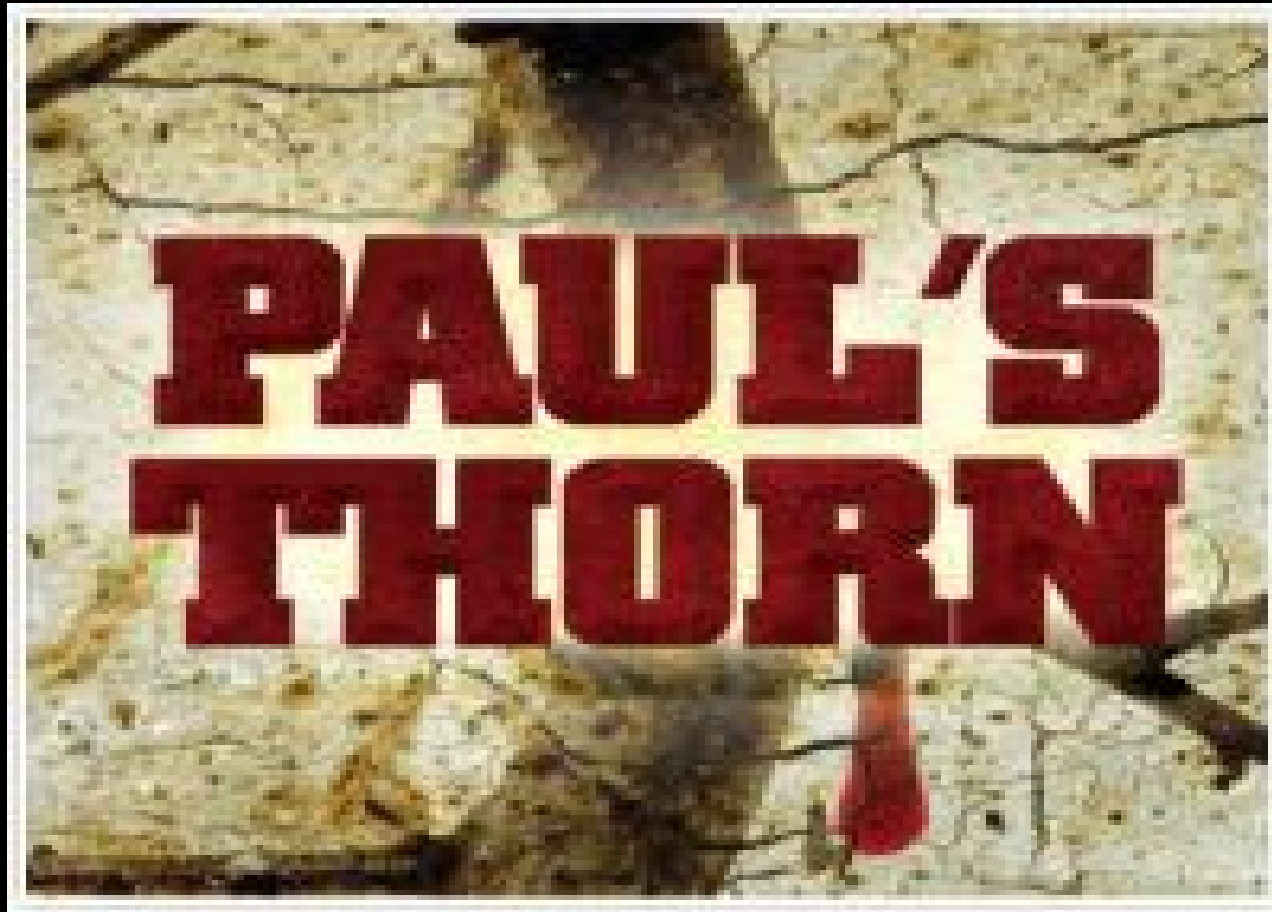
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- *Psalms 106:12-15* Then believed they his words; they sang his praise. **They soon forgat his works**; they waited not for his counsel: But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert. And **he gave them their request**; **but sent leanness into their soul.**



➤ **The Promise of  
the Thorn**

- 1 Corinthians 10:13 **There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that **ye may be able to bear it.****



➤ **The Promise of  
the Thorn**

- 2 Corinthians 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is **<made perfect>τελειωω** in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
- Acts 20:24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so **<that I might finish> τελειωω** my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

- 2 Chronicles 26:15 And he made in Jerusalem engines, invented by cunning men, to be on the towers and upon the bulwarks, to shoot arrows and great stones withal. And his name spread far abroad; for he was marvellously helped,  
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• Hebrews 11:21 **By faith**

**Jacob**, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, **leaning upon the top of his staff.**

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